

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of the entire State of Ohio for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB) (*Tomicus piniperda*)

This Federal Order is issued under the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States and the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act, found at 7 CFR 301.50.

This Federal Order quarantines, effective immediately, the entire State of Ohio for PSB, *Tomicus piniperda*. Accordingly, effective immediately, all interstate movement of PSB-regulated articles from Ohio must be performed in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act, found at 7 CFR 301.50 et seq. This action is in response to the decision made by the State of Ohio to terminate the intrastate quarantine for counties where PSB has been detected. The Ohio Department of Agriculture communicated this decision to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

7 CFR 301.50-3(b) provides for temporary designation of newly-quarantined areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.50-3(c). 7 CFR 301.50-3(b) further requires written notification to be given to the owners of property and enterprises in a newly-quarantined area, advising them of the quarantine and the necessity of complying with requirements for the interstate movement of regulated articles. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the PSB program in the affected State.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Ohio in our mutual efforts to prevent the spread of quarantine pests, including PSB. If you wish more details on the Federal Pine Shoot Beetle regulatory program, you may contact the staff officer, Weyman Fussell at Area Code (301) 734-5705. For information on regulatory requirements for movement of articles out of the state of Ohio, please contact the APHIS State Plant Health Director, John Burch, at Area Code (614) 834-4625.

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